## THE F. M. B. A. DEVELOPMENTS

Per Capita Tax Raised and New Officers Elected Yesterday Afternoon.

Lively Secret Session Last Night to Unite in the Demands of the Alliance-What Its Membership Is.

WORK OF THE F. M. B. A.

Officers Elected -Per Capita Tax Raised -Expenses of Delegates. One of the troubles that has caused so much hard feeling among the delegates to the F. M. B. A. assembly, and which seemed likely to send a number of the delegates home before the assembly adjourned, was amicably adjusted yesterday. It was the controversy over the compensation and expenses of delegates. Many of them, it

seems, came here fully expecting to be paid out of the funds in the national treasury. and when they learned that they were to receive their money from their respective State organizations, those who had failed to bring any great amount of wealth along raised a howl that harassed and convulsed two or three secret sessions. As the report of the national treasurer showed that there was \$2,000 in the treasury the F. M. B. A. yesterday voted to pay each of the 168 delegates present \$8. the remainder of their compensation to be paid by the State associations. This action of the assembly was greeted with joy by the delegates, who now seem to be perfectly well

Another important piece of work accom-plished was the raising of the per capita tax from 1 to 8 cents. This is a big increase, but the delegates claim that the assembly was unanimous in voting for it. The increase will put about \$7,000 in the national treasury, which will be used for

missionary purposes to carry the work into unorganized territory.

As was stated in the Journal yesterday morning, the report of the committee on resolutions, when it was submitted to the assembly, created quite a sensation. The report, as soon as one of the resolutions had been read, was hastily referred back to a committee which was instructed to consider the question with a joint committee from the Alliance. That resolution was one favoring the sub-treasury plank in the Ocala platform. A delegate to the F. M. B. A. stated to a Journal reporter yesterday afternoon that the joint committee had not yet made its report, but as far as the F. M. B. A. was concerned the sub-treasury plank would be unanimously adopted.

The election of officers was another important feature of yesterday's session of the F. M. B. A. It resulted in the election of S. S. Gauze, of lowa, president; W. A. Bartlett, of West Virginia, vice-president, and John P. Stille, of Illinois, secretary, who was re-elected.

At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Alliance delegates went in a body to the Criminal Court room and went into joint executive session with the F. M. B. A. The were made by President Polk, of the Alliance, and Weaver, of Iowa, and responses were made by President Stillwell and others. The utmost enthusiasm prevailed, the applause at times being terrile. Everybody asked regarding the nature of the visit said that it was merely a fraternal call, and had no significance. Chairman Tanbeneck, of the People's party, was hailed by a Journal reporter just as he was leaving the meeting.

"What's the meaning --- ?" "Oh, those fellows have to let off a certain amount of wind one way or the other." said he referring to those inside, before the reporter could conclude his sentence, It was remarked that the New Waverly quartet again got in its work on the joint

### AN OPEN SECRET SESSION. Interesting Developments in the F. M. B. A

The semination in

-Confederation and Joint Demands. When the Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association adjourned at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon it was to meet ngain at 8 o'clock to consider business that the officials said was not very important. In reality it was one of the most important sessions of the assembly that has yet been held and, if the delegates to the F. M. B. A. council read the Journal this morning they will probably be surprised to know that the outside world is so, well aware of what takes place behind doors closed so tightly that the air is almost deprived of its prerogative of going

In the first place, the committee appointed by the Mutual Benefit Association to confer with the executive committee of the Confederated Industrial Union reported last night in favor of joining its forces with that body, and the F. M. B. A. will be represented at the February convention of the Confederated Union. The report of this committee having been adopted, the next mestion was the representation at the convenon, and while this question was being discussed. Secretary Stille announced that the F. M. B. A. wanted to be known by the vote it polled in 892. This sentiment was greated with uproaris cheering, and it was some minutes before e conneil again got down to work. Next. one of the delegates got up and in a loud voice, that penetrated to the dome of the court-house, where the reporter was stationed, said that the M. B. A. would be entitled to fifty elegates in the convention, as he and understood from Secretary Stille that the total membership of the order amounted to 250,000. At this point Secretary Stille arose to state that some misapprehension evidently existed regarding the membership. In selecting delegates, he said, the number would have to be determined upon in proportion to the representation present at this council. This representation showed, as hear as he could judge, a total membership in the F. M. B. A. of 96,106. This statement was

not received with any great degree of enthusithe delegate who had first spoken again took the floor and said that, according to Secretary Stille's statement, the F. M. B. A. would only be attitled to thirty-five delegates. He moved that that number be appointed by the trustees of the association, and that they shall pay their own expenses. Another delegate then moved to need by naming the president, the vice-president and the five trustees as delegates, the rest to be named later. He thought that every man ho had the good of the order at heart would be perfectly willing to pay his own expenses, and the sentiment, to judge by the applause, met with popular approval. It was further decided by amendment that each State representation at this general assembly shall select its own delgares to the Confederated Union convention. The next business of importance taken up was e place of holding the next General Assembly, and while discussing this matter the delegates ght to light attributes of a foxy nature. One gate arose and moved that the matter of selecting a city be referred to the trustees, for the reason that if the place is decided upon long beforehand the railroads, the hotels, hall owners, etc., would hold them up by the feet and rob them. He thought the trustees ought to withhold the meeting place for some time. Then an Indiana delegate stated that everybody had been treated royally in Indianapolis, and he thought it was a good place to come back to. nother delegate urged the necessity of the rustees reporting at once, and took occasion to announce that Springfield, Ill., would be a good Marion, Ind., was also named by a zeal-

ons indiana delegate. oMr. President and brothers, I move that the next General Assembly of the F. M. B. A. meet in Indianapolia," said a delegate. Then another, who was opposed to the city selected being made known, complained bitterly about the F. M. B. A. being relegated to the Criminal Court room, and said: "The Alliance didn't decide on coming here, and the consequence was that they could get anything they wanted. They got Tominson dail, and we had to come up here. We couldn't get anything for the simple reason that we had ded and made known our intention of com-

At this point the previous question was called for, and the matter of selecting a place of meeting was referred to the trustees. The next business that came up was probably the most important of the session, from the fact that it not only bears on the F. M. B. A., but the lliance. It was the report of the committee on leman , which had been in session for some me with the Alliance committee on demands. When this report was called for the chairman of the committee made an explanatory statement. enid he: "The committee on demands, which has been in conference with a like commite of the Farmers' and Laborers' Union, is the ittee originally appointed on resolutions. We had some difficulty in getting together, and

when we did we found a slight diversity of opinion existing. The committee came to the concu-sion, however, that the F. M. B. A. and the Alliance should adopt the same resolutions, as their interests are identical. In the first place, we adopted the demands of the Ocala convention, with a few changes. We demand the abolition t national banks, and ask that the government establish some kind of depositories ghout the country and loan money farmers at a rate of exceed 2 per cent. on

shall be increased to \$50 per capita. We also decided to change the word "loan" to "issue." A motion was at once made to accept the report, but before any vote could be taken there was a deluge of speeches. One man said: "I am not in favor of the government going into the money-jending basiness. If it is wrong for the government to lend money to national banks it would be equally wrong for it to lend money to farmers, as the principle is the same. The fact that I steal a horse from John Jones does not give him a right to steal one from John Brown." Another delegate explained that the but to issue it direct to the farmer. He thought the sub-freasury plan was the grandest financial scheme ever conceived and would forever

"rid the country of those infernal national "The committee on demands has done its work," said still another delegate, "and done it well. Why should we not accept the report! The trouble has always been with us that we did not have sufficient confidence in ourselves. I think it is time to put this matter before the peo-ple and let them decide if the sub-treasury plan shall be the financial system of the country."

evening. Death came as a startling sur-prise to those in attendance upon the sick It was soon seen by the drift of the five-minute speeches, to which the members were limited, that the F. M. B. A. was in favor of indorsing the sub-treasury plank, and when President Stillwell announced that all in favor of adopting the committee's report would signify by the usual sign of the order-raising the right handthe air was filled with waving members. The joint committee on demands will hold another meeting at 8 o'clock this morning to embody the foregoing in a resolution.

## PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Mrs. Weller, of Dayton, O., is visiting Mrs. W. H. Griffith, on North Delaware street. Mrs. Samuel Roberts, of Lexington, Ky., is expected to-day to visit Miss Grace Guston, on North New Jersey street.

Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Lucas have issued invitations for a reception Tuesday evening, Nov. 24, from 8 to 11 o'clock, at their home on North New Jersey street. The occasion is the thirtieth anniversary of their marriage. The Christian Endeavor Society of the Second

Presbyterian Church will give a social this evenmg, in the church parlors, in connection with the business meeting and election of officers. All members and friends of the society are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Herbert Collins will hold their reception this afternoon and evening, at their iome, No. 128 North Meridian street, instead of next Wednesday, as previously announced, as Mrs. Voorhees and Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Wilson will return Saturday to their home in Spokane, Wash.

The marriage of Mrs. E. J. Thurston and Mr. J. W. Crawford was quietly observed yesterday afternoon, at half-past 5, at the home of the former, No. 323 North Alabama street. About fifty invitations were issued to friends to wit-Dess the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. C. A. Van Anda, of Roberts Park Church. The house was tastefully adorned with plants and chrysanthemums. The bride were a handsome dress of ashes-of-roses silk and wore and carried flowers. After the ceremony a collation was served. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford will not make any trip and will be at home to their friends after Monday, at 323 North Alabama street. Some very lovely presents were received from friends in other cities, as well as here.

Mrs. Clemens Vonnegut, jr., gave a very de-lightful euchre party yesterday atternoon at her home on North Alabama street. The hostess was assisted by her daughter Ella and sisters, Mrs. Bernard Vonnegut and Mrs. J. George Mueller. The spacious rooms were beautiful with chrysanthemums and each lady received a flower favor, half having yellow and the others dark-red chrysanthemums, to signify partners. At 5 o'clock an elaborate supper was daintily served and the prizes, which were of handsome china, were presented. Among the guests from out of town were Miss Havens, of Terre Haute, a visitor at Mrs. Krauss's; Miss Levinson, of Shelbyville; Miss Rice, of Chicago; Miss Bertha Wagner, of Lafayette, and Miss Schaul, of To-

Mrs. Roy Jones was the hestess yesterday afternoon for a reception given in honor of her sister, Mrs. Pani Floris a, of San antonio, Tex., formerly Miss Jessie Oyler Jones, of this city. The pretty new home on North Delaware street, near the Exposition, was beautified with palms and ferns, which filled mantels, corners and windows, and a profusion of yellow and white chrysanthemums. The ladies were assisted in receiving by Mrs. J. J. Williams and Miss Jones, of San Antonio, who Florian's guest. Mrs. Florian wore her wedding cress of handsome white silk. Among the assistants were Miss Grace May, Miss Mary Davis, who were attendants at Mrs. Florian's marriage, and Miss Pearl Kindleberger. These three young ladies presided at a daintily-appointed table, and served collee, chocolate and punch. Mrs. F. C. Gardner and Mrs. W. N. Springer assisted in entertaining. In the dining-room the ernamentation was of yellow chrysanthemums and smilax. and little Miss Estella Jones, in a pretty gown of green and yellow, presented each guest with a yellow chrysanthemum. About 150 invitations were issued, and there were but few regrets, so that all the afternoon guests were coming and

MRS. GRIFFITH'S RECEPTION. Mrs. Theodore E. Griffith entertained her large circle of friends and acquaintances very hand-

somely, yesterday afternoon, at her home on North Tennessee street, at the corner of Pratt. The hostess received in the front parlor, assisted by Mrs. Weller, of Dayton; Miss Josephine Gray, of Anderson; Mrs. Riddell and Mrs. Claude Griffith. On the opposite side of the room was a attifully-decorated table, where punch was served. The table stood before a window, and the lace draperies made a pretty background. From the front corners of the table to the center of the curtain pele were broad pink satin ribbons, wound with smilax and dotted with pink carnations. The curtain was dotted with the same flowers and a great bowl of the spley blossoms occupied a consplenous position. Punch was served here, and Misses Bella Lloyd of Louisville, Katharine Stone, Kate Phillips and Nell Brownin white gowns, presided The mantel and piano were filled with palms and fairy lamps and banquet lamps with pink shades, peeped from among the delicate sprays of green. In the second room two tables were arranged. One was draped with smilax and yellow chrysanthemums, with flowers pinned to the curtains, and a wrought-iron candelabra, with yellow-shaded candles, occupied the center. Here Mrs. W. H. Griffith, Mrs. W. C. Lynn, Mrs. G. L. Rittenhouse and Mrs. James Albert McKee served ices. At the other tables the decorations were white chrysanthemums and smilax, and Mrs. G. W. Combs, Mrs. L. E. Stone, Mrs. Louis H. Levey and MissiCecilia Garrety, poured coffee and choc-colate. Mrs. John W. Kern and Mrs. D. C. Griffith assisted in entertaining. About three hundred ladies accepted Mrs. Griffith's hospitality between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock.

THE DRAMATIC CLUB. The much-talked-of and long-anticipated performance of the Dramatic Club took place last evening in the Assembly Hall of the Propyleum. The audience was composed of the members, numbering about 150, and a few friends, who were invited by the committee in charge, each one having the privilege of asking two friends not members. The audience was a brilliant one in personal appearance, for many attended in handsome toilets and with a profusion of flowers. Two plays were selected for the first night, "Sunset," by Jeromo and "A Box of Monkeys," by Grace Livingstone Furniss. The stage was built at the east end of the ball, and was well equipped with footlights, cartain, entrances and exits. The scene is a parior, with all the necessary properties, and some ornamental furnishings. Mr. and Mrs. James B. Curtis, Miss Olive Gaston and Mr. John Bradshaw have had charge of "Sunset;" selected the play and cast, and have managed it entirely. The characters and participants were: Lots Rivers, Miss Belle Baldwin; Joan Jasper, Miss Charlotte Jones: Aunt Drucilla, Miss Mainie Dye; Azariah Stodd, Mr. J. P. Dunn; Mr. Rivers, Dr. D. A. Thompson: Laurence Leigh, Mr. Arthur Byfield. For the second play Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taylor and Miss Julia H. Moore deserve all the credit of arrangement. The cast for the farce "A Box of Monkeys" was: Edward Rall ton, a promising young American, Mr. Jacque! Holliday; Chauncey Ogiethorpe, his partner, and second son to Lord Doneaster, Mr. Walter Williams; Mrs. Ondego-Jhones, an admirer of rank, Miss Margaret Baldwin; Sierra Bengaline, her niece, a prairie rose, Miss Nancy Baker; Lady Guinevere Llandpoore, an English primrese, daughter of the Earl Paynaught, Miss Kate Wallick. No better talent has yet been discovered in the club than that called upon to take part last night. Every one was dead-letter perfect, and performed the several roles with admirable taste and discretion. To specify would be impossible, for each had admirers in the audience, praises will be heard for each one for days to come. Great attention had been paid to positious, costumes and all accessories, and as there have been dozens of rchearsals everything moved off like clock-work. So much time and expense for one night's entertainment

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share of the enjoyment and hope that any plays so well performed may be presented to a much

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Paris, Ill., Nov. 19 .- Mr. Albert Gatz and Miss Nanon Blackman were married at 8 o'clock this evening, at the residence of the bride's mother, en North Central avenue. Rev. Father Postner, of the Catholic Church, officiated. The attendnuts were Messrs. Walface Blackman, Charles E. Dole, of Mattoon, Edward Lowry and the Misses Chattle Eliekman, Mary Gatz and Nona Hunter, of Paris. The parlors were tastefully decorated with palms and chrysanthenums. The bride's gown was of pink silk, made princess, with silk chinon overdress, and she carried a banch of white roses. There were one hundred guests in attendance. A wedding supper was served after the ceremony. Among the guests from abroad were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Niedringhaus and Mr. and Mrs. Broughton, of St. Louis: Mr. and Mrs. Giroux, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert McNutt and Miss Corn Davis, of Terre Haute: Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dole, Charles and Mary Dole, of Mattoon; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Venneman, of Charleston, Ml.; Mr. and Mrs. Gliver Bell, of Newman, Ill.; Miss shable farm products and real estate. Mr. and Mrs. Giver Bell, of Newman, Ill.: Miss recognized the inadequacy of the pres-culating medium and demand that it Breen, of Loogootee, Ind.

ACTOR W. J. FLORENCE DEAD

His End Unexpected by the Physicians, Who Reported His Condition Better.

Pneumonia the Cause of His Demise-A Man Whose "Mighty Dollar" Brought Fame and Fortune-Jefferson Shocked.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 19. - William J. Florence, the actor, died at the Continental Hotel, this city, at 8:30 o'clock this man, for the reason that his condition had been considered as improving during the afternoon and early evening. Only Mr. Florence's sister-in-law, Mrs. Barney Williams, of Brooklyn, his sister, Mrs. Norman Wiard, of Washington, and Dr. Patrick Donnellan were with him when he passed away. He had been apparently getting better, and the physicians had no idea that the end was so near. Mr. Florence was very weak during the day from exhaustion, and



in the afternoon was somewhat flighty. loward evening he slept most of the time, however, and his death came so peacefully that it may be said that he slept away. He made no utterance whatever, and the first intimation the watchers had of his death was that he ceased to breathe. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wiard were very much prostrated by the death of their brother. Mrs. Florence will leave England for New York on Saturday. Until she can be heard from no definite funeral arrangements will be made. The general belief is that the dead actor will be interred in Brooklyn, as most of his relatives live there. Interment will probably not take place until Mrs. Florence's arrival on Friday or Saturday of

Mr. Florence's fatal illness began last Saturday night. He had been complaining during the week but had performed regulatly. On Saturday evening, after having played his part of Ezekiel Homespun, in the "Heir at Law," with the Jefferson-Florence combination at the Arch-street Theater, he gave a supper at the Contipental Hotel in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Kendall. Soon after the close of festivities be was taken ill, and Dr. Pancoast, who was called in, announced that he was suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia, both lungs being affected. Dr. Dacosta, the eminent physician, assisted by Dr. Pancoast, and in addition Dr. Patrick Donnellan, an old friend of Mr. Florence, was called in. The latter was with the sick man almost constantly. The progress of the disease has been closely followed in these dispatches. The bulletin issued by the physicians this morning said that Mr. Florence was better. At 1 o'clock another bulletin announced that he was slightly improved. The last bullentin they gave out reads: "Mr. Florence passed away peacefully at

8:30 this evening." William Jermyn Florence was born in Albany, N. Y., July 26, 1831. He became a member of the Murdock Dramatic Association in New York city, and made his first public appearance Dec. 6, 1849, in Richmond. The role was Peter in "The Stranger." He soon acquired distinction as a versatile comie actor. He afterward appeared in Providence, playing Macduff to Booth's Macbeth. He then returned to New York, playing Irish characters at Brougham's Lycenm. It was in this year, 1853, that he found a wife in Mrs. Malvina Pray Littell, a danseuse attached to Wallack's Theater. In June fellowing the wedding the two appeared at the National Theater, New York, as the Irish boy and the Yankee girl. In 1856 they went to England, appearing in Drury-lane Theater, London, fifty nights in succession to crowded houses. Afterward they performed in various theaters throughout the United Kingdom. Since that time "Billy" Florence had been one of the foremost actors on the American stage. His best-known parts were Bardwell Slote in "The Mighty Dollar," and Captain Cuttle in "Dombey and Son," while Mrs. Florence was always a favorite as Mrs. General Gilflory. Since Florence united with Joseph Jefferson the company has made some famous tours. Mr. Florence's name originally was Con-

lin, but as he had adopted the stage name of Florence he legalized his right to the latter by act of Assembly passed by the New York Legislature.

Joseph Jefferson Shocked, GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Nov. 19 .- "My God! You don't tell me," was the exclamation which fell from the lips of Joseph Jefferson when informed by a reporter this evening that his companion and bosom friend, Florence, was dead. Later, Mr. Jefferson, in speaking of Mr. Florence, among many other incidents, dwelt especially upon his numerous private benefactions. "One fact, but little known," said ke, "is that Mr. Florence was the founder of the Order of the Mystic Shrine. In religion he was a true Catholic and member of the Knights of &t. Patrick. When bidding me farewell Mr. Florence said: 'Good-bye, old boy: I'll soon catch up with you. From all reports we surely thought he would do so, and his death is a great shock to us. You may say that our engagement at Detroit to-morrow night will certainly be deferred out of regard to his memory."

One Founder of Republicanism. RIPON, Wis., Nov. 19 .- Jebadiah Bowen, aged seventy-five, died to-day. He was the chief helper of A. F. Bovay, who is credited in Flower's history with being the founder of the Republican party. Boyay and Bowen beld meetings and acttated the question of dissolving the Whig party as early as 1852. Mr. Bowen was a prosperous merchant.

Lieutenant-Commander Joseph Marthon. Washington, D. C., Nov. 19.-Information has been received at the Navy Department of the death of Lieutenant-commander Joseph Marthon, on board his ship, the Pales, at Shanghai yester-

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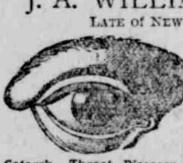
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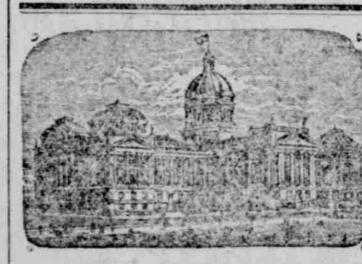
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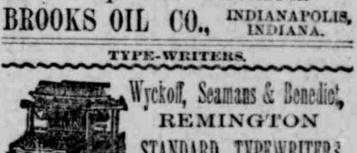
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